

KENT COUNTY
PUBLIC LANDINGS & FACILITIES
March 20, 2023
Meeting Minutes

I CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Kent County Board of Public Landings & Facilities was called to order by Chairman Marc Castelli, at 6:00pm on Monday, March 20, 2023. Those in attendance were Marc Castelli, James Reihl, Chuckie White and Division Chief Marty Holden.

The minutes of December 5, 2022, were approved as submitted.

II OLD BUSINESS

Bayside Landing Park – Project

Mr. Holden advised the project is still on hold awaiting permits. Depending on when the permits are received, the project may have to be postponed until late fall 2023/winter 2024. Mr. Holden also advised that DNR has given a verbal extension to the grant funding deadline beyond the December 31, 2023 date. Once it is determined that the project will not be completed by the deadline, the County can formally ask for an extension of the grant funding period. Mr. Holden stated that until the project bidding process occurs, the project cost is only an estimate.

Turner’s Creek – No Wake Buoy

A Board member asked if an additional “No Wake” buoy can be placed just inside the two (2) green channel markers coming from the Sassafras River. This will provide a second “No Wake” buoy to cover the bulkhead/pier areas. Mr. Holden advised that he will contact DNR and request an additional “No Wake” buoy at that location.

Turner's Creek – Granary building

Mr. Holden stated that the Commissioners recently met with the Historic Society (Kent County Historic Preservation Commission) regarding the Granary building. A fence, with “No Trespassing” signs, is going to be placed around the structure due to the deteriorating condition of the building. The Commissioners plan to meet again in the next several weeks to discuss how to move forward with preserving, some or all, of the building.

Rock Hall Entrance Channel Dredging

Mr. Holden advised that the Corps of Engineers has received funding to complete the entrance channel dredging in FY 2024. Mr. Holden stated that a spoils site has been established within Kent County for the material. The spoils site, owned by Brambles Construction Company, has been utilized for multiple channel dredging projects in the past.

IV NEW BUSINESS

Member status

Mr. Holden advised Board Member, Mr. White that his term on the Public Landings Board will expire on June 30, 2023 and asked if he would consider another term. Mr. White agreed to stay on the Board for another five (5) year term. Mr. Holden advised that Mr. White will receive notification in the mail from the Commissioners' Office following approval.

Future Projects – Green Lane/Bogles Public Landings

Mr. Holden advised that upon his request, Marine Engineer Firm Davis, Bowen & Friedel (DBF) performed assessments at Green Lane and Bogles public landings. The assessment was to determine the extent of deterioration and potential repairs needed to the existing bulkheading and piers. Once written assessment and project cost analysis are received, they can be used to request DNR grant funding for the FY2025 budget.

Office Staff – retirement

Mr. Holden advised the Board that he will officially retire from the County at the end of March. Mr. Holden stated that it has been a pleasure working with the Board Members and appreciated all the guidance, assistance, etc. provided to him from the Board. Mr. Holden continued that a meeting will be scheduled for the next quarter once a new Division Chief is hired.

V ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 PM. The next meeting will be determined at a later date.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Fletcher